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SUBJECT: DISTRUBANCES IN THE SOUTHERN SIERRA

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1. THE 48-HOUR GENERAL STRIKE IN AREQUIPA HAS BEEN PARTIALLY EFFECTIVE.

BANKS, MANY FACTORIES, AND SOME STORES ARE CLOSED AND CLASSES SUSPENDED IN SCHOOLS AND THE SAN MARTIN UNIVESITY. TRAINS OUT OF AREQUIPA WERE NOT RUNNING. HOWEVER, URBAN TRANSPORT, SMALL SHOPS, MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, AND TEXTILE FACTORIES REMAIN OPEN. GOP HAS NOT PLACED AREQUIPA UNDER CURFEW.

IN ADDITION TO THE AREQUIPA PROBLEM, THE GOP IS FACED WITH POLITICAL DISTRUBANCES CONCERNTRATED IN THE SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS.

2. CUZCO - THE MILITARY COMMAND IN CUZCO DENOUNCED OUTSIDE AGITATORS FOR FOMENTING CUZCO DISORDERS, AND AUTHORITIES CALLED ON CITIZENS TO IGNORE THE SPATE OF "FALSE RUMORS. . . INTENDED TO INCITE THE POPULACE." CUZCO REMAINS UNDER CURFEW, BUT STUDENTS RALLY OUT FROM TIME TO TIME DURING THE DAY TO HARASS AUTHORITIES. RUMORS OF DEATHS DURING LAST WEEK'S STUDENT/POLICE CLASHES, AND DURING  
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CURFEW HOURS, ARE PASSED ABOUT. CLASSES ARE SUSPEDED IN ALL CUZCO DEPARTMENT SCHOOLS UNTIL MONDAY, JUNE 27. THERE ARE FEWER TOURISTS IN CUZCO THAN USUAL FOR THIS TIME OF YEAR, BUT TOURIST SERVICES ARE LARGELY UNAFFECTED.

3. SICUANI - INSICUANI, A RAILROAD JUNCTION ON THE CUZCO/PUNO ROUTE, STUDENT-LED DISTURBANCES LED TO THE SACKING AND BURING

OF OFFICES OF THE AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD MINISTRIES.  
SICUANI, LIKE CUZCO, IS UNDER CURFEW (REFTEL).

4. CALCA - THE LIMA DAILY, LA PRENSA, REPORTS THAT IN THE VILLAGE OF CALCO, 30 KILOMETERS FROM CUZCO AND IN THE URUBAMBA RIVER VALLEY WHERE GUERRILLA ACTIVITY OCCURRED IN THE 1960'S, STUDENT "PROVOKED INCIDENTS WITH POLICE." A CATHOLIC PRIEST, ROLANDO RAMOS, WAS ARRESTED AS THE ALLEGED INSTIGATOR OF DISORDERS AND TAKEN TO CUZCO WHERE THE BISHOP IS REQUESTING HIS RELEASE.

5. PUNO - SERIOUS STUDENT DISTURBANCES CONTINUED IN PUNO, AND CLASSES REMAINED SUSPENDED UNTIL JULY 4. ACCORDIG TO THE PERIODICAL CARETAS, STUDENTS IN PUNO BRIEFLY HELD TWO POLICE-MEN HOSTAGE AND FORCED RELEASE OF THEIR DETAINED COMPANIONS. PUNO IS NOW UNDER A TIGHT 6 P.M. TO DAWN CURFEW AND TRANSPORTATION IN AND OUT IS PARALYZED. A FEW AMERICANS IN PUNO HOTELS ARE WELL BUT UNABLE FOR THE MOMENT TO LEAVE THE CITY.

6. AYACUCHO - THE LIMAPRESS REPORTS THAT ABOUT 100 SECONDARY AND UNIVESITY STUDENTS WERE DETAINED FOLLOWING "INCIDENTS". SOME WERE RELEASED AND AN "INDETERMINANT NUMBER TURNED OVER TO STATE SECURITY (POLICE) BECAUSE THEY WERE KNOWN AGITATORS". SCHOOLS

IN AYACUCHO AND HUANTA (A NEARBY TOWN) ARE CLOSED UNTIL JUNE 27.  
COMMENT: BEFORE DISTURBANCES BROKE OUT IN THE HIGHLANDS OF  
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SOUTHERN PERU THERE WERE RUMORS THAT FAR-LEFT GROUPS, AND EVEN THE GOVERNMENT-SUPPORT PEASANT ORGANIZATION CNA, WOULD ATTEMPT TO SPARK DISORDERS IN THE SOUTH. STUDENT UNREST AND AGITATION HAS, IN FACT, OCCURRED THROUGHOUT THE ZONE AND ESPECIALLY IN TOWNS ALONG THE CUZCO/PUNO RAIL LINE. THE GOP RESPONSE IS A FIRM ONE.  
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